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BCCI RELENTS TO PRESSURE, TO HOLD RANJI THIS SEASON

Board secretary Jay Shah confirms plans to start Ranji Trophy as Covid numbers decrease in major cities

Group stage in Feb-Mar, KOs in June

For the first time in its history, the Ranji Trophy will be held in two phases. The group stage, involving 38 teams and six groups, are likely to begin on February 13 and run till March 18 in six cities before the IPL break. The knockout stages will be played in June with BCCI working out the schedule and venue, keeping south-west monsoon in mind

Importance of hosting the event

Domestic players have not played any long-format cricket since March 2020. It is the feeder system and allows young talents to develop their red-ball skills, considered the most challenging

Moreover, hundreds of players, who don't have IPL income, are dependent on Ranji Trophy for their livelihood | PTI

BANNED

Ex-Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor was on Friday banned for three-and-a-half years by ICC not reporting a 2019 spot-fixing approach by an Indian businessman on time

No SC yardstick for SC/ST promotions

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday refused to lay down the yardstick for determining the inadequacy of representation for granting reservation in promotions for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates in government jobs while reiterating the need for empirical data to arrive at the decision.

However, the data so collected must not be for a group in a service but for a cadre in which promotions have to be made, a three-judge bench comprising justices L Nageswara Rao, Sanjiv Khanna and B R Gavai said. A cadre is part of a group.

"State is obligated to collect quantifiable data as per the court's judgment in M Nagaraj (2006) and Jarnail Singh (2018). Collection of data has to be for each category of posts for the entire service," the court ruled. The verdict came on a batch of petitions that urged the court to clarify norms for reservation in promotions.

The judgment primarily laid down the principle for providing quota in promotion.

However, the order left it to the states to assess the inadequacy of representation of SC/ST to promotional posts taking into account relevant factors.

The bench also said that a review should be conducted regarding the data for the purpose of determining inadequacy of representation and providing reservation in promotion, but left it to the government to decide the time period for such a review.

The petitioners had sought clarity on several issues, mainly

Cadre data gathering

"Cadre, which should be the unit for collection of quantifiable data, would be meaningless if data pertaining to the representation of SC/STs is with reference to the entire service," the bench said on how the adequacy of representation is to be determined. During the hearing, the Centre had suggested diluting the criteria for quota in promotion by doing away with the requirement of quantifiable data to establish inadequacy of representation of SCs/STs.

It had told the bench that even after 75 years of Independence, SCs/STs have not been brought to the same level of merit as the forward classes. "If you don't lay down a definite decisive ground that the states and union will follow, there will be a multitude of litigations," Attorney General K K Venugopal had said.

Bad bank to buy ₹50K cr NPAs in first phase

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

NEARLY a year after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced it in 2021 Budget, India's first bad bank is set to go live. All regulatory approvals have been secured to set up the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) and India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL), State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said on Friday.

SBI is one of the stakeholders in the bad bank. The announcement comes days before the 2022 Budget. The bad bank has two legs — NARCL to identify, aggregate and acquire stressed assets from lenders, and IDRCL to handle the debt-resolution. A total of 38 accounts worth ₹82,845 crore have so far been identified for transfer to NARCL in a phased manner, said Khara. In the first phase, banks will transfer 15 non-performing accounts aggregating ₹50,000 crore to NARCL. This will be done within the current financial year, said Khara.

NARCL will transfer these bad loans to IDRCL, which will then scout for domestic or international buyers in an attempt to resolve them.

NARCL will try to acquire assets on a 15:85 cash and security receipts (SRs) ratio. It means the lenders will receive 15% upfront cash payment and the remaining in the form of SRs guaranteed by the Government of India for their face value.

The guarantee is for ₹30,600 crore. If the bad bank can't sell the loan or sells them for a loss, the SRs guaranteed by the government will be used to make good the difference between what the lender was supposed to receive and what NARCL was able to raise.

Anantha Nageswaran appointed India's Chief Economic Advisor

The Centre on Friday appointed Dr V Anantha Nageswaran as the Chief Economic Advisor. Nageswaran, an academic and former executive with Credit Suisse Group AG and Julius Baer Group, succeeds K V Subramanian, who demitted office in December 2021 after the completion of his three-year term

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai during the celebration organised to mark the completion of 6 months of his government, in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

CM: Growth on track despite fund crunch

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who completed six months in office and incidentally turned 62 on Friday, said that despite financial constraints due to Covid, the state government took up development works in different sectors at a cost of Rs 24,000 crore over the last six months.

Taking part in the celebration at the Banquet Hall in Vidhana Soudha, where he released a booklet – 'Bhavya Bhavishyakkagi Bharavaseya Hejjegalu' (Confident Strides towards a Glorious Karnataka), he said that though the pandemic, drought and floods stressed the state, his government helped the needy people. Scholarships were given to 4.5 lakh children of farmers and five lakh children of labourers, compensation amount against crop loss was increased helping 14 lakh farmers, pension was hiked by Rs 200 per month under various social security schemes benefiting 58 crore people and foodgrains under Public Distribution System (PDS) were increased by 1 kg which helped over four crore people, Bommai added.

Pointing out that the state received 45 per cent of all foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country, he said, "It was because of our policies and ease of doing business." P4

EXPRESS READ

Akhilesh Yadav says alliance with RLD rock solid

Lucknow: Hitting the battleground in western Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party chief and former CM Akhilesh Yadav in Muzaffarnagar on Friday repeated his promises over freebies to the people of the state and the farmers besides reiterating that SP-RLD alliance was rock solid. Western UP's 58 seats including Muzaffarnagar will go to polls in the first phase of upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh on February 10.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF BSY DIES BY SUICIDE

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister and BJP senior leader BS Yediyurappa's granddaughter — **Dr Soundarya** — allegedly died by suicide on Friday. Her body was found hanging at her upscale apartment in Vasanth Nagar in the city.

Daughter of Yediyurappa's eldest daughter Padmavathi and Virupakshappa Yamakanamardi, Soundarya was working as Assistant Professor, Surgery at the Bowring Hospital. She married Dr Neeraj S, a radiologist at MS Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, in 2018. The couple has an eight-month-old son.

According to sources, Soundarya was reportedly suffering from postpartum depression and that could be the reason behind her suicide.

Soundarya's last rites were performed at Neeraj's Abbigere farmhouse in Soladevanahalli. Dr KV Sathish, one of the forensic doctors who conducted the autopsy on Soundarya at the Bowring Hospital, told the media there was a mark on Soundarya's neck. "A team of three doctors conducted the postmortem. The report has been submitted to the tahsildar," he said. P4

Omicron edges out Delta variant, dominates third wave in K'taka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BETWEEN January 1 and January 28, Omicron has been the dominant Covid-19 variant in Karnataka, going by genome sequencing data shared by Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar. Of 1,555 samples found to have variants of concern, 67.5% or 1,049 samples were found to be Omicron, and only 26% or 404 samples were of Delta and its sub-lineages. A mere 6.6% or 102 samples were of other variants such as ETA, Beta, Kappa etc.

From the beginning of the pandemic till December 2021, Delta and its sub-lineages had dominated the spread of SARS-CoV-2 in Karnataka, amounting to 90.7% or 4,027 of the 4,441 samples with variants of concern. Variants such as ETA, Beta, Kappa, contributed to 4.1% or 184 of the samples, and Omicron was reported in 66 samples.

High-level meet today

A high-level meeting chaired by CM Basavaraj Bommai to decide on Covid-related restrictions and school reopening will be held on Saturday. Members of the Technical Advisory Committee, health department officials and ministers will attend the meeting. P3

ALL INDIA	JAN 27	JAN 28
Fresh cases	2,86,384	2,51,209
Recoveries	3,06,357	3,47,643
Deaths	573	627

KARNATAKA	JAN 27	JAN 28
Fresh cases	38,083	31,198
Recoveries	67,236	71,092
Deaths	49	50

TAKE YOUR SHOT
January 27
49,69,805 doses
January 28
48,98,149 doses
TOTAL DOSES
1,64,56,32,720

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